

Washington's 2005 Cash Receipts from Milk Reaches \$832 Million

Milk Production: Dairy farmers in Washington in 2005 received \$1.00 per cwt. less for their milk sold from what they had received in 2004 but well above the prices received in 2002 and 2003. Cash receipts from marketings of the milk sold in 2005 totaled \$832 million, compared with \$857 million in 2004. Production in 2005 climbed to 5.59 billion pounds, compared with 5.39 billion pounds the previous year. Average returns were \$14.90 per hundredweight. Annual milk fat was a 3.67 percent, .01 point below 2004's 3.68 percent.

An average 241,000 cows were milked in 2005, an increase of 4,000 head from 2004. The annual average milk per cow was 23,270 pounds per cow, up 418 pounds per cow from 2004.

Yakima County has the highest number of milk cows in the State, rising from 67,600 head on January 1, 2005 to 70,500 on January 1, 2006. Whatcom County continues to show a loss of cows. During the period January 1, 2002 to January 1, 2006, milk cow numbers dropped from 62,900 head to 52,000 head.

Milk Production and Disposition, Washington, 1996-2005

Year	Production ¹			Disposition				
	Fat in All Milk Produced	Total		Milk Used Where Produced			Marketed by Prod.	
		Milk	Milkfat	Fed to Calves ¹	Milk, Cream, Butter	Total	Quantity ²	Grade ³
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Mil Pounds</i>	<i>Mil Pounds</i>	<i>Mil Pounds</i>	<i>Mil Pounds</i>	<i>Mil Pounds</i>	<i>Mil Pounds</i>	<i>Mil Pounds</i>
1996	3.64	5,279	192.2	27	1	28	5,251	100
1997	3.64	5,305	193.1	30	1	31	5,274	100
1998	3.66	5,326	194.9	26	1	27	5,299	100
1999	3.65	5,535	202.0	29	1	30	5,505	100
2000	3.65	5,593	204.1	35	2	37	5,556	100
2001	3.66	5,514	201.8	33	1	34	5,480	100
2002	3.67	5,620	206.3	27	1	28	5,592	100
2003	3.66	5,581	204.3	27	2	29	5,552	100
2004	3.68	5,416	199.3	25	1	26	5,390	100
2005	3.67	5,608	205.8	22	1	23	5,585	100

¹ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

² Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk and equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and milk sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds.

³ Percentage of milk sold that is eligible for fluid use (Grade A in most States). Includes fluid-grade milk used in manufacturing dairy products.